REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS CAPABLE OF READING OUT

IMAGE SIGNAL WHILE THINNING THEM DOWN HORIZONTALLY AND

SIGNAL READING METHOD THEREFOR

REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 23, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for two (2) months to June 28, 2004 for filing a reply to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

REMARKS